

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of Missouri

United States of America

v.

DOMINIQUE WHITFIELD

Defendant

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Case No. 4:15 CR 31 RLW (NCC)

DETENTION ORDER PENDING TRIAL

After conducting a detention hearing under the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), I conclude that these facts require that the defendant be detained pending trial.

Part I—Findings of Fact

- ☐ (1) The defendant is charged with an offense described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1) and has previously been convicted of ☐ a federal offense ☐ a state or local offense that would have been a federal offense if federal jurisdiction had existed - that is
- ☐ a crime of violence as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 3156(a)(4) or an offense listed in 18 U.S.C. § 2332b(g)(5) for which the prison term is 10 years or more.
- ☐ an offense for which the maximum sentence is death or life imprisonment.
- ☐ an offense for which a maximum prison term of ten years or more is prescribed in _____ .*
- ☐ a felony committed after the defendant had been convicted of two or more prior federal offenses described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1)(A)-(C), or comparable state or local offenses:
- ☐ any felony that is not a crime of violence but involves:
- ☐ a minor victim
- ☐ the possession or use of a firearm or destructive device or any other dangerous weapon
- ☐ a failure to register under 18 U.S.C. § 2250
- ☐ (2) The offense described in finding (1) was committed while the defendant was on release pending trial for a federal, state release or local offense.
- ☐ (3) A period of less than five years has elapsed since the ☐ date of conviction ☐ the defendant's release from prison for the offense described in finding (1).
- ☐ (4) Findings Nos. (1), (2) and (3) establish a rebuttable presumption that no condition will reasonably assure the safety of another person or the community. I further find that the defendant has not rebutted this presumption.

Alternative Findings (A)

- ☐ (1) There is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed an offense
- ☐ for which a maximum prison term of ten years or more is prescribed in _____ .
- ☐ under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).

*Insert as applicable: (a) Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. § 801 *et seq.*); (b) Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C. § 951 *et seq.*); or (c) Section 1 of Act of Sept. 15, 1980 (21 U.S.C. § 955a).

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- ☐ (2) The defendant has not rebutted the presumption established by finding 1 that no condition will reasonably assure the defendant's appearance and the safety of the community.

Alternative Findings (B)

- ☒ (1) There is a serious risk that the defendant will not appear.
- ☒ (2) There is a serious risk that the defendant will endanger the safety of another person or the community.

The Court incorporates the facts set out in the Pretrial Services Report (Doc. No. 5), which indicates Defendant is unemployed and was homeless until 7 months ago. The Court has also considered the Government's supplemental motion and exhibit filed under seal (Doc. No. 19) and the Defendant's response to the same. (Doc. No. 22).

Part II— Statement of the Reasons for Detention

I find that the testimony and information submitted at the detention hearing establishes by ☒ clear and convincing evidence ☐ a preponderance of the evidence that

there are no conditions or combination of conditions that will reasonably assure the Court that Defendant will appear as required and will not pose a danger to the community. In February 2014, Defendant was arrested after reportedly brandishing the sawed off shotgun that is the subject of this case at a 7-11. In November 2014, Defendant confronted Carlos Fowler at the same 7-11; Fowler, who was unarmed, punched Defendant at least two times; Defendant pulled out a gun and shot Fowler multiple times. Fowler ultimately died from his wounds. The St. Louis Circuit Attorneys office initially did not bring charges but is currently re-reviewing the case. State investigating officers have proffered evidence that Defendant has threatened to "get" witnesses who testified about the shooting.

Part III—Directions Regarding Detention

The defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or a designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or held in custody pending appeal. The defendant must be afforded a reasonable opportunity to consult privately with defense counsel. On order of United States Court or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility must deliver the defendant to the United States marshal for a court appearance.

Date: 02/04/2015

/s/Shirley Padmore Mensah

Judge's Signature

United States Magistrate Judge

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